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September 12, 2013

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk of the Commission Public Service Commission of South Carolina Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re:

Joint Application of TC Systems, Inc., And Teleport Communications America,

LLC, for Approval of Asset Transfer

Docket No. 2013-312-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By letter dated August 15, 2013, your office delivered a Notice of Filing to TC Systems, Inc. ("TC Systems"), and Teleport Communications America, LLC ("TCA") and directed TC Systems and TCA to have the Notice published one time in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas on or before August 26, 2012. The letter also directed BellSouth to provide your office with Proof of Publication on or before September 16, 2013.

In compliance with that letter, TC Systems and TCA respectfully submit the enclosed affidavits executed by representatives of *The Greenville News, The Florence Morning News, The Post and Courier, Aiken Standard and The State.* These affidavits reflect that the Notices were published in these newspapers on August 22, August 16, August 19, August 21 and August 22, respectively.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

PWT/nml Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record

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## The Greenville News

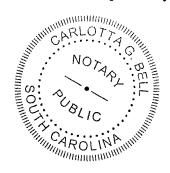
greenvilleonline.com

### AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I,	Frank Bomar, being the sales advertising agent for Gannett, Inc.,
do h	ereby testify that the attached legal advertisement was published on the following dates
	Thursday, August 22, 2013
Sale	Agent for Gannett, Inc.

Carlotta G. Bell

Notary Public for the State of South Carolina My Commission Expires July 22, 2020.



Ad Text:

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**Account Number** 

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### Carolina Publishing

Advertising Affidavit

P.O Box 100528 Florence, SC 29501 (843) 317-6397

Date

August 16, 2013

AT&T 1600 WILLIAMS STREET COLUMBIA,, SC 29201

Date	Category	Description	Ad Size	Total Cost
08/22/2013	_Legal Notices	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CARO	1 x 151 L	676.33

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## Publisher of the **Morning News**

This is to certify that the attached PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION was published in the Morning News in the City of Florence, state of South Carolina on the following dates:

08/16/2013

The First insertion being given ... 08/16/2013

Newspaper reference: 0000652253

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

**Notary Public** 

My Commission Expires

December 21, 2022

State of South Carolina

My Commission expires

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# Affidavit of publication The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the city of Charleston, county and state aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

08/19/13 Mon PC 08/19/13 Mon CNW

at a cost of Account# \$486.12

Order#

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P.O. Number:

2013-312-C

Subscribed and sworn to before

me this

**1** day

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A. Editor advertising class





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## The North Augusta Star

State of South Carolina County of Aiken

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising clerk of the Aiken Standard, a seven day per week newspaper published in Aiken, South Carolina, and made oath in due form of law that the advertisement of

(copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

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at a cost of Account# \$553.67 289814

Order#

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P.O. Number:

2013-312-C

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me today, 08/21/2013

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Direct correspondence to:

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attention: Clerk's Office Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

August 21, 2013

My Commission Expires September 29, 2016

# THE STATE MEDIA CO., INC. Columbia, South Carolina publisher of

## The PState

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RICHLAND

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was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issue(s) of

August 22, 2013

Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day

August 22, 2013

**Notary Public** 

My commission expires

January 20, 2014

"Errors- the liability of the publisher on account of errors in or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item in error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion." PUBLIC SERVICE CC 1MISSION OF SOUTH CAR INV.CLERK'S OFFICE

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	)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
COUNTY OF RICHLAND	)	

The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T") and that she has caused TC Systems, Inc. ("TC Systems"), and Teleport Communications America, LLC ("TCA") Proof of Publication in Docket No. 2013-312-C to be served upon the following on September 12, 2013:

Courtney Dare Edwards, Esquire Office of Regulatory Staff 1401 Main Street, Suite 900 Columbia, South Carolina 29201 (Electronic Mail)

F. David Butler, Esquire Senior Counsel S. C. Public Service Commission Post Office Box 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211 (PSC Staff) (Electronic Mail)

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